

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of manufacturing a piezoelectric thin film resonator forms, after forming a piezoelectric film on a substrate so as to cover a lower electrode formed on the substrate, an electrode material layer for forming an upper electrode above the piezoelectric film, forms a mask of a predetermined form on the electrode material layer, and then etches the electrode material layer to form the upper electrode. Before a step of forming the electrode material layer, a protective layer for protecting the piezoelectric film during etching of the electrode material layer is formed so as to cover at least a part of the piezoelectric film where the upper electrode is not formed, and the electrode material layer is then formed so as to cover the protective layer.